



THE OAKLAND, BERKELEY/ ALAMEDA COUNTY CoC

Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee

**January 8, 2024
2:00 pm- 4:00pm
Agenda**

**[Link](#) to Zoom Meeting
Phone: [1 386-347-5053](tel:13863475053)
Meeting ID: 83085774509**

Minutes

Meetings are public. Alameda County residents with lived experience of homelessness are encouraged to attend. Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person. Click [here](#) to learn more about the public participation policy.

Attendance

Committee Members:

- Kelly Hoffman
- Dylan Sweeney
- Eleni Spiru
- Jason Earl
- Jeanette Rodriguez
- Logan McDonnell
- Marcie Johnson
- Dot Theodore
- Paris Davis
- Luke Barnesmoore

Staff: Esther Wilch and Kris Maun, Homebase

Public: Christoverre Kohler

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda Item	Presenter
<p>1. <u>Welcome/Introductions</u></p>	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>
<p>2. <u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>There were no public comments.</p>	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>
<p>3. <u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Homebase has created a Google Drive for Committee members to share documents. b. Committee members discussed finding a new monthly time because the current time doesn't work for all members. Committee members provided some input and Homebase staff will follow-up to make a final selection. 	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>
<p>4. <u>Vote to Approve Ground Rules</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Committee discussed a few changes to the ground rules. b. We will change ground rule #1 to state, "When you first speak, state your name, your pronoun if you have a preference, where you live or work, and your agency or organization." c. We will replace ground rule #6 with "Commit to racial justice and equity in decision making." d. Logan McDonnell moved to approve the ground rules with the two changes identified above. Dot Theodore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>
<p>5. <u>Vote to Approve Nominees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jason Earl and Logan McDonnell were nominated as the co-chairs and Kelly Hoffman as the Racial Equity Liaison for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee. b. Dot Theodore moved to approve all nominees. Jeanette Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously. 	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>
<p>6. <u>Work Planning for 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Committee members discussed the current gaps in homelessness prevention in Alameda County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Committee members identified gaps including lack of affordable housing units and lack of funding for 	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>

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<p>residential mental health needs, program services, rent support, and prevention. Committee members felt that that the Committee should be engaged in advocacy to the Continuum of Care (CoC) and beyond the CoC for these things.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. Another gap discussed by the Committee members is support for service organizations, including facilitating communication between organizations, sharing effective strategies, and a structure to support staff development. <p>b. Committee members discussed what the group can do as a CoC Committee to address these gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Committee members discussed focusing on the current resources that are available to prevent homelessness. There could be more analysis about what program are effective, which would build evidence as a basis for investing in services where it is effective. This would require evaluation, analysis, and a lot of coordination. There is a lot of data, but it would be beneficial to compare the data across programs and create a narrative that packages and explains the data, which can be difficult and nuanced.ii. Committee members asked about how prevention Committees in other jurisdictions approach the work. Luke Barnesmoore shared that he works with Marin County, which is focused on populations who will not be served by the Coordinated Entry System. This has lead to focusing on senior adults with a fixed income but without high needs who would not be served but Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). To support those populations, they are exploring shallow subsidies. Currently, there is not a Committee focused exclusively on this work but is being addressed by a subgroup focused on seniors. <p>c. Committee members ranked their goals in order of importance to preventing and ending homelessness in Alameda County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. 1st: Integrate homelessness prevention assistance into the broader system.ii. 2nd: Identify gaps in programming and develop recommendations to improve assistance.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. 3rd: Analyze inflow data to determine key drivers of homelessness iv. 4th: Racial equity framework to advance fairness and justice. v. 5th: Identify supportive housing providers with the highest rate of returns to homelessness. vi. 6th: Work with mainstream system partners to prevent discharge. <p>d. Committee members discussed what they find most meaningful and exciting about the work and what they feel is missing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Committee members expressed excitement about: integrating homelessness prevention assistance into the broader system, analyzing inflow data to determine key drivers of homelessness, identifying supporting housing providers, identifying funding for prevention, and a racial equity framework to advance fairness and justice. ii. Committee members felt some things missing are specific programs to prevent people from entering the Coordinated Entry System, creating economic opportunities to give people the tools to exit homelessness, and addressing mental health and substance abuse challenges. <p>e. Committee members considered a potential work plan, which would include Landscape Scan and Mapping, Racial Equity and Prioritization, HMIS Integration, and Identify Additional Funding. Co-chairs will continue to develop this workplan with the Homebase staff so it can be presented at the next meeting of the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Next Meeting Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At the next meeting of the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee, the Committee members will hear a presentation from Alameda County and finalize the workplan. 	<p>Esther Wilch, Homebase</p>